



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 1999CON2 (203-2526CON2)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : WAYNE C. PERSON
TITLE : SURGICAL INSTRUMENT HOLDER
SERIAL NO. : 10/647,950
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application", mailed May 10, 2004 and prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

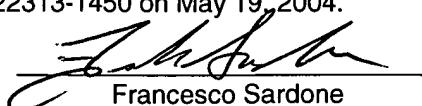
Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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